

# Neighborhoods, USA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 25, 2016

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## I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

President Andre Bernard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time. A motion was made to approve agenda with ability to modify and properly seconded. Motion approved without objection.

## II. PLEDGE AND ROLL CALL

NUSA Sergeant at Arms Jason Bergerson led the pledge of allegiance. NUSA Secretary Loretta Buckner conducted the roll call. There were 18 board members present and one absent. A quorum was established.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT (18)**

Hal Barnes
Jason Bergerson
Andre Bernard
Loretta Buckner
Monique Coleman
Deletta Dean
Elton Gatewood
Rene Kane
George Lee, Jr.

## MEMBERS ABSENT (1)

Margaret Wallace Brown

Beryl McCadden-Pritko

Ron McCorkle
Vatricia McKinney
DeAnna O'Malley
Tony Olden
Gerri Robinson
Angela Rush
Anne-Marie Taylor
Tige Watts

### OTHERS PRESENT (1)

Jeri Pryor, Admin. Asst.

# III. SECRETARY'S REPORT & APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPT. 2015 MEETING

NUSA Secretary Loretta Buckner next presented the minutes from the Board's most recent meeting in Memphis, Tenn. for the board's approval. Motion was made to approve with slight corrections and updates. Properly seconded and approved by Board.

## IV. TREASURER'S REPORT & FINANCIAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEB. 2016

NUSA Treasurer Angie Rush gave the treasurer's report and financial report. After providing update and answering questions, the board voted to accept the treasurer's report as information.

## V. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

Jeri Pryor gave her administrative assistant's report. The office has worked hand-in-hand with treasurer, host city and other board members to keep the work of NUSA moving forward. This will be a period of increased activity between now and well after the conference. Motion made to accept the report and properly seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

## **VI. 2016 HOST CITY UPDATE**

NUSA Parliamentarian and Program Development Chair Tony Olden provided the 2016 Host City Update for this board meeting. Recap of activities to come and being worked on, as well as an update of other events and logistics. There were questions of how the host city would handle registration, where volunteers are needed from the NUSA board and a myriad of other subjects. Motion made, and seconded, to approve the update from the host city.

## **VII. NUSA COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

From here, various NUSA committees broke off into smaller meetings throughout the afternoon to prepare committee reports due from all standing committees during tomorrow's continuation of the NUSA board meeting.



# Neighborhoods, USA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Friday, February 26, 2016

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## I. BUDGET FINANCE STEERING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Budget Finance Steering Committee was scheduled for 10 a.m. Central Time. Attendance was required from all officers of NUSA, all committee chairs and any other board members interested in participating. Committee co-chairs, Vice President Tige Watts and Treasurer Angela Rush reviewed line items in the budget making adjustments as needed per committee chairs.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

President Andre Bernard called the meeting of the full Board of Directors back to order at 10:35 a.m. Central Time.

## II. ROLL CALL, QUORUM ESTABLISHED

NUSA Secretary Loretta F. Buckner conducted the roll call. A total of 16 board members were present during the meeting, with 3 absent. A quorum was established and business items could be conducted in accordance with NUSA bylaws.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT (16)**

Hal Barnes
Jason Bergerson
Andre Bernard
Loretta Buckner
Monique Coleman
Rene Kane
George Lee, Jr
Beryl McCadden-Pritko

**MEMBERS ABSENT (3)** 

Deletta Dean Elton Gatewood Margaret Wallace Brown Ron McCorkle
Vatricia McKinney
DeAnna O'Malley
Tony Olden
Gerri Robinson
Angela Rush
Anne-Marie Taylor
Tige Watts

**OTHERS PRESENT (1)** 

Jeri Pryor, Admin. Asst.

## III. BUDGET FINANCE STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

A recap of changes, edits and amendments of the NUSA budget was shared with the full board. The board ratified changes recommended and were approved with no opposition.

### IV. AWARDS PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Anne-Marie Taylor and committee member Hal Barnes provided a report on Awards Program activity. The committee recapped its activities including finance, budget, finalist selections in all categories, as well as recruited volunteers needed for judging that will take place during the conference. Awards Program Committee report accepted by the board and approved with no opposition.

## V. BOARD DEVELOPMENT & BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chairs Beryl McCadden-Pritko and Jason Bergerson presented a combined report from the two committees. Board Development focused its report on the upcoming NUSA board elections, qualified candidates who will appear on the ballot, recommended changes to the board manual, recapping past activites, etc. The combined report of the two committees was accepted, approved and ratified by the board with no opposition.

## VI. MEMBERSHIP SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Angie Rush provided the Membership Services Committee Report to the NUSA board, recapping activities since October 2015. The board to accept and approve all action items with no opposition.

## VII. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Tony Olden provided the Program Development Committee Report to the NUSA board, recapping activities since October 2015. The board to accept and approve all action items with no opposition. Additionally, Vice President Tige Watts asked the committee to review a proposed change to the NUSA board's policy of how it judges host city bid applications and report back at the next board meeting.

## VIII. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Rene Kane provided the Resource Development Committee Report to the NUSA board, recapping activities since October 2015. In the report, the committee indicated it was working on developing a list of the top foundations and charities to target, as well as becoming more familiar with Little Green Light. The board to accept and approve all action items with no opposition.

## IX. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Tige Watts provided the Public Affairs Committee Report to the NUSA board, recapping activities since October 2015. The board to accept and approve the committee report with no opposition.

#### X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NUSA President Andre Bernard asked if there was any unfinished business that needed to be dealt with. Nothing came up and the board moved forward with its agenda.

#### XI. NEW BUSINESS

NUSA President Andre Bernard moved forward to new business items. The first item up for action was approval of a contract with a Dr. Charles Schulz in Tennessee to serve as and provide Professional Parliamentarian Services for the NUSA General Membership Meeting. The board

approved the contract with no objection. Next, the 2017 local host city committee from Omaha presented draft artwork to be considered for the official conference logo. Board members discussed the logo in great detail, and approved the logo with a few minor changes that need to be made.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m. by President Andre Bernard.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta F. Buckner, NUSA Secretary Wichita, Kansas